

Kodiak Area Corp Granted Delegate Status by RurALCAP

The Kodiak Area Community Development Corp (KACDC) was granted delegate status by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurALCAP) Board of Directors on June 3, 1969, the first day of the RurALCAP Board meeting with the condition that Kodiak execute

the prerequisites required during the next six months.

The Kodiak Corp requested and was granted consideration of delegate status by the RurALCAP Board last Feb., 1969. RurALCAP will review Kodiak's request at the end of the six-month period about Jan. 1, 1970 and finalize their decision.

The prerequisites Kodiak must complete are:

- (1) complete draft work on the corporation (including priorities, center operations, time table, written project proposals for priorities categorized into short and long-ranged goals);

- (2) Submit an official request to the RurALCAP Board to proceed according to work program including activities exclusive of funded programs and projects;

- (3) Communicate between the Western Regional Field Representative, Kodiak, and the RurALCAP central staff relative to specific questions, programs, problems and OEO guidelines;

- (4) Submit contract deliberation for delegate agency status including OEO and RurALCAP guidelines; and finally to

- (5) Submit a signed contract at a later date as scheduled.

A resolution passed in Feb., 1969 by the RurALCAP Board required all boards of RurALCAP delegate status agencies to be at least 50 per cent target population representatives in order to be beneficiaries of Rur-

ALCAP funds. This resolution was made to assure the low-income people being served, the major voice in anti-poverty programs for their areas.

The regulation also will apply to the boards of regional development corporations and to any other delegate boards set up for special projects being funded partially or wholly by RurALCAP.

George Irvin, OEO field representative for the Western Region, reviewed the RurALCAP refunding requisites in three basic steps to clarify RurALCAP's responsibility of executing the rural anti-poverty programs in Alaska.

The steps in order are: paper process and planning; field review; and final budget and requests.

In order for RurALCAP to fulfill these requisites, RurALCAP must have received from all its delegate agencies draft work of all projects and programs in their areas, said Irvin. RurALCAP acts as the umbrella agency and intermediate between OEO and the delegate agencies.

Irvin explained this gives the people of the villages the authority to administer their own programs and projects and they have a voice about how the programs should be run. OEO was set up as a means to start the fight against poverty and has approximately 1200 CAA's all over the country.